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LOUISVILLE CRACK DEALER SENTENCED FOLLOWING JURY VERDICT

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on December 5, 2006, **MICHAEL D. POINTS**, age 24, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possessing more than 5 grams of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it.

Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Points** to 15 years imprisonment, plus 8 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

A federal court jury found **Points** guilty of possessing approximately 5.47 grams of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it. The testimony at trial established that on July 27, 2005, law enforcement agents from the Kentucky Department of Corrections went to **Points**' residence on West Jefferson Street in Louisville. The agents saw **Points** in the residence at the time but he refused to answer the door. After obtaining approval of their supervisor to enter the residence, the agents did

so and arrested **Points**. When the agents searched the residence, they discovered a large "rock" of crack cocaine weighing approximately 5.47 grams hidden inside a box of sandwich baggies, along

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with a digital scale. Trial testimony established that the quantity of crack cocaine that was discovered was consistent with the intent to distribute it and that digital scales such as those found in the residence are routinely used to measure crack cocaine for sale. The estimated street value of the crack cocaine is approximately \$500.00.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke and was investigated by the Kentucky Department of Probation and Parole and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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